

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 33 are pending in this Application. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 1 through 33. Accordingly, the only remaining issues are formalistic and are addressed below.

Drawings.

The Examiner objected to the drawings pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5), asserting that reference numeral 52 in Fig. 6 is not mentioned in the written description of the specification.

In response the specification has been amended at paragraph [0048] identifying element 52, thereby overcoming the stated basis for the objection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the drawing objection is solicited.

Specification.

The Examiner asserted that the title was not descriptive and required a new title.

In response, a more descriptive title has been presented. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdraw of the objection to the title.

Applicants again acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 1 through 33. Applicants note the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance included on pages 3-4 of the Office action. Entry of that Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicants in the reasoning stated by the Examiner. The Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be used to interpret the cited claims, particularly to the extent if any that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance may differ from the express language of the claims and/or Applicants' positions on patentability of those claims. It is

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respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled the broadest reasonable interpretation and broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the language of the claims, the supporting disclosure and Applicants' prosecution of the claims, without reference to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Based upon the foregoing, it should be apparent that the formalistic issues raised by the Examiner have been resolved. Accordingly, this Application is in clear condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, solicited. If there are any outstanding issues which might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' representative at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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